

China Currency—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the orders of July 1, 2005 and March 29, 2006, with respect to S. 295, to authorize appropriate action in the negotiations with the People's Republic of China regarding China's undervalued currency are not successful, be vitiated.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties:

Mutual Legal Assistance Agreement with the European Union (Treaty Doc. No. 109–13); and

Extradition Agreement with the European Union (Treaty Doc. No. 109–14).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michele A. Davis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Eric D. Eberhard, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2012.

Dana Gioia, of California, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts for a term of four years.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral. Routine lists in the Air Force, Foreign Service.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—260)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:42 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 29, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10494.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues relating to military voting, focusing on the Federal Voting Assistance Program, which allows absentee voting by members of the military and civilians living overseas, after receiving testimony from David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Paul DeGregorio, Chairman, U.S. Election Assistance Commission; Derek B. Stewart, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; and Deborah L. Markowitz, National Association of Secretaries of State, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of General Bantz J. Craddock, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, U.S. European Command, Vice Admiral James G. Stavridis, USN, for appointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, U.S. Southern Command, Nelson M. Ford, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller, Ronald J. James, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Major General Todd I. Stewart, USAF, (Ret.), of Ohio, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board, John Edward Mansfield, of Virginia, Larry W. Brown, of Virginia, and Peter Stanley Winokur, of Maryland, each to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and 7,735 routine military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

ECONOMY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the economy and budget, after receiving testimony from Edward P. Lazear, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisors; and Kevin A. Hassett, American Enterprise Institute, Chris Edwards, Cato Institute, and Peter R. Orszag, Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL AIRSPACE SYSTEM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded a hearing to examine new aircraft in the National Airspace System (NAS), focusing on developing safety standards and operating procedures to ensure their safe integration

into the NAS, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Cirillo, Vice President, Systems Operations Services, Air Traffic Organization, and Nicholas A. Sabatini, Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety, both of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Vern Raburn, Eclipse Aviation Corporation, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Edward E. Iacobucci, DayJet Corporation, Delray Beach, Florida; Jack J. Pelton, Cessna Aircraft Company, Wichita, Kansas, on behalf of General Aviation Manufacturers Association; and Matthew G. Andersson, CRA International, Chicago, Illinois.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund and Waste Management concluded a hearing to examine S. 3871, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system, after receiving testimony from Susan P. Bodine, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Cheryl T. Coleman, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Columbia; Frederick J. Florjancic, Jr., Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc., Plano, Texas; and Phillip J. Bond, Information Technology Association of America, Arlington, Virginia.

PUBLIC DEBT

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Long-term Growth and Debt Reduction concluded a hearing to examine America's public debt, focusing on the national savings rate and federal budget deficits, after receiving testimony from former Representative Charles W. Stenholm, Peter R. Orszag, Brookings Institution, and Chris Edwards, Cato Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; and Robert L. Bixby, Concord Coalition, Arlington, Virginia.

SECURING THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the Dis-

trict of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the National Capital Region's strategic security plan, focusing on the ability of the responsible Federal, state and local government agencies of the National Capital Region to respond to a terrorist attack or natural disaster, including coordination efforts within the region, after receiving testimony from Thomas Lockwood, Director, Office of National Capital Region Coordination, Department of Homeland Security; William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; Deputy Mayor Edward D. Reiskin, District of Columbia Public Safety and Justice; Robert P. Crouch, Jr., Assistant to the Virginia Governor, Richmond; Dennis R. Schrader, Maryland Governor's Office of Homeland Security, Annapolis, Maryland; and Fairfax County Executive Anthony H. Griffin, Fairfax, Virginia.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: On Wednesday, September 27, Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness concluded a hearing to examine measures to improve emergency medical care, focusing on the need for change to continue providing quality emergency medical care when and where it is expected, after receiving testimony from Frederick C. Blum, West Virginia University School of Medicine, Morgantown, on behalf of American College of Emergency Physicians; Margaret VanAmringe, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, Washington, D.C.; Nancy Bonalumi, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of Emergency Nurses Association; Leon L. Haley, Jr., Grady Health System, Atlanta, Georgia; and Robert R. Bass, Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services Systems, Baltimore, on behalf of Institute of Medicine's Committee on the Future of Emergency Care in the U.S. Health System.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.